

The U.S. Small Business Administration's Small Business Week Celebration

Events and Exhibitions

May 24-25th, 2000

- **Small Business Exhibition**

(May 24th from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm/ May 25th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.)

The Best of Small Business Week 2000 showcase; an exhibition highlighting the small businesses that are being honored for their achievements, corporate sponsors and other businesses. Participating small business-owners will have a unique opportunity to meet with corporate and federal government buyers and project managers to discuss the possibility to sell their goods and services.

The exhibition will be open to public from 9:00 am to 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday and from 9:00 am. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday.

The exhibition will be held at the International Trade Center at the Ronald Reagan International Trade building, 15th Street, NW, between Constitution Avenue and E Street, NW.

- **A Millennium of Success Forum – Session I**

(May 24th from 9:15 am to 11:30 am)

This interactive forum will highlight innovative ideas from some of America's leading business-people, to help small businesses grow and compete in next millennium. Small-business owners will offer their perspective on the challenges and opportunities that face small businesses in the next millennium. Expert panelists will answer questions from the participants on running a business and the future of eCommerce. This forum will be simultaneously satellite broadcasted and cybercasted to audiences around the country.

- **A Millennium of Success Forum – Session II**

(May 24th from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm)

In this session; “Investing in our Youth”, we will present the importance of cultivating youth entrepreneurship as a source of America's future business leaders. To achieve this objective, SBA entered into a partnership with the National Academy Foundation (NAF), which represents over 350 public schools throughout the country. This partnership calls for NAF to provide mentoring and training opportunities at small businesses for high school

students and SBA to foster programs that combine school-based learning and work-based experience.

- **A Millennium of Success Forum – Session III**

(May 24th from 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm)

“Growing your Small Business in a Global Economy” is the topic of this session. Since international trade plays a significant role in the U.S. economy, it is only fitting that small businesses become an integral part of the global market place. The experts in this forum will discuss the ways that small businesses can successfully move into international markets and take advantage of the resources that SBA has available in support of this effort.

- **Issues Workshop**

(May 25th from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm)

This hands-on workshop, conducted by high-level SBA officials, will highlight various SBA programs that are readily available to sustain and enhance America’s small businesses. Some of the programs that will be discussed during this workshop are: business financing, contracting opportunities, business development, mentor protegee, international trade and SCORE.

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Should you have any questions regarding the Small Business Week, please contact Yosef Patel at (202) 205-6224. Thank you.